

## Message from Director Cy Jamison



**Cy Jamison**

**P**resident Bush recently submitted his first budget to Congress. It is a historic budget because with it, he sets the tone and the American agenda for the 1990s, a decade that will bring new focus on the environment and natural resource man-

agement. Overall, I'm very pleased with our budget. Believe it or not, while the Department's budget is going down, ours is going up. Compared to FY 90, the BLM budget increased by almost \$70 million.

This is a budget BLM can work with, and a step in the right direction toward my goal of giving more emphasis to our recreation, fish and wildlife and riparian programs while protecting our traditional users and multiple-use mission.

What will this mean for you, the BLM employee? As anyone who works in the government knows, changes will not happen overnight. However, I am confident that if the budget were approved, changes would be noticeable. For example:

—We would have an increase of 108 full-time equivalent positions over the 1990 levels.

—As proposed in FY 91, BLM would be spending

\$2.9 million more on wildlife habitat; a 13 percent increase over last year's budget.

—BLM would have \$4 million more in recreation; a 28 percent increase over last year.

—Our land acquisition program would receive an additional \$11.7 million, which is nearly double the amount we had available last year. This includes funds for 16 acquisitions for wetlands, recreation, access to wild and scenic rivers and national conservation areas, and special designations such as desert tortoise habitat.

—We are also requesting \$2.5 million for our wildlife habitat management challenge cost share program. This would allow us to expand cooperative efforts with a variety of interest groups.

We are trying to give the American public their money's worth. Today, people want public lands for more recreational activities and they want them better managed for wildlife needs. I plan on delivering in both of those areas.

The BLM stands today at a crossroads in the management of the public lands. The President, the Secretary of the Interior and I are committed

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# Twenty-Pound Tick: A Caver's Adventure

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Photos courtesy of Kirk Koepsel

**T**hink about lying on your back and sliding through a 200-foot-long, water-filled passage with barely enough clearance to get your face out of the water, and then having to completely submerge in places...

That's how Kirk Koepsel, public lands coordinator with the Colorado Environmental Coalition, describes the "Subway," one of the passages in Twenty-Pound Tick Cave in the Glenwood Springs Resource Area.

But there's more... you're weighted down with a full wet suit, helmet, boots, elbow and knee pads, pack, gloves, canteen, food, plus more if you're really prepared. And it's pitch black, except for the light you generate with a head light or a flash light.

Now Twenty-Pound Tick isn't a cave you just casually decide to visit. It's a good two-mile hike from where you can leave a vehicle. And the entrance? You can either climb up and through a waterfall that's about 300 to 400 yards up a canyon wall through ice, moss, and

brambles, or you can scale down from above after doing some good climbing.

Ice, did we say ice? Well, actually the best times to visit the cave are from August through November. Spring run-off makes access prohibitive.

Then there's the cave's namesake. The story goes something like this. One of the cave's first explorers, who

people have tested their mettle with Twenty-Pound Tick. Its first inhibitor, if you discount just getting there, is a sump—a section of submerged passage lying 50 feet inside the entrance. The sump was successfully scuba dived in the late 70s, but it wasn't until 1987 that the extensive cave beyond was discovered and explored. After the chilling first plunge, what awaits is more danger. There are rooms and passages filled



*Barry Berg from the Colorado Cave Survey crawls through a flooded passage in Twenty-Pound Tick Cave in Colorado.*

made the trek in springtime, arrived back at his vehicle saying, "I feel like I'm covered with 20 pounds of ticks."

First discovered in the early 1970s, the cave has seen few explorers. In fact, less than 20

with more frigid water and jagged rocks, more walls to scale, and tight fits to negotiate.

Sites within the cave also bear descriptive names. You've already been introduced to the "Subway." There's the "Worm



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Hole," "Marty's Cackle," a room called the "Big Apple," and another called the "New Suit Room." One trip through that one and you may have to buy a new wet suit. Koepsel reports having pretty well demolished the new coveralls he had worn into the cave, and he didn't even enter the "New Suit Room."

You're probably thinking that if people are willing to surmount these obstacles, it must be a pretty spectacular cave. Well, actually that's a matter of perspective. Gary McVicker, deputy state director for Lands and Renewable Resources, says that beauty is not what attracts visitors to the cave. "The draw is the challenge and the fact that it's only been recently explored by very few people." Koepsel disagrees about the lack of beauty. He says you'll see formations such as stalagmites, stalactites, and soda straws.

But to a real caver, Tick Cave is an adventure. It's demanding mentally and emotionally, as well as physically. There are some places that are harder coming back than going in. McVicker says one is constantly aware that each obstacle must be encountered twice. It's definitely not for the novice, the less-than-fit, or the weak of heart.

For speleological types the cave meets the necessary criteria to be considered "significant." And because sections of Twenty-Pound Tick lie under BLM land, the cave falls within our jurisdiction. McVicker says, "Tick Cave represents a new area of management for BLM Colorado. It's a challenge to learn about the resource itself, and the people who use it."

Recent legislation protecting caves has expanded BLM's responsibilities. Colorado has been fortunate to have the support and cooperation of the Colorado Cave Survey, which represents six individual caving clubs and approximately 450 cavers who are knowledgeable about the resource. They are helping inventory and map the known caves on BLM-administered land.

Steve Sims, a volunteer from the Colorado Cave Survey, explored and mapped Tick Cave. He continues to accompany new adventurers to the cave. Other cavers have been instrumental in educating us about this interesting and challenging recreational opportunity.

If this introduction hasn't dissuaded you from attempting Twenty-Pound Tick on your

own, contact the Glenwood Springs Resource Area in Colorado's Grand Junction District for directions, advice, and additional warnings.

*Gary McVicker, Kirk Koepsel, and three cavers from the Colorado Cave Survey made the last recorded excursion into Twenty-Pound Tick Cave in November 1989.*

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## Director

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to leaving America's public land resources in better shape than we found them. That is my philosophy at BLM, and every action I take will reflect that. To me, that's what effective stewardship is all about.

It is an exciting and challenging time to be involved in public land management. I am proud, as I am sure you are, to serve the President and the Secretary of the Interior in a capacity that gives us an opportunity to deal with some of the nation's most pressing issues. I am confident that we are all up to the challenges we will face in the new decade.



# Sweet Success for Idaho's Aase's Onion

by Don Smurthwaite  
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**T**he view from the window closest to Roger Rosentreter's desk in the Idaho State Office is about the same as when he arrived three years ago. The Boise River still flows just outside the doors of the building, and the city itself spreads to the northwest. Beyond, the round brown hills a little outside of town rise from the valley floor.

Though the view is much the same, Rosentreter's perspective has changed. What the Idaho State Office botanist sees among the chalky-colored strips of silica sand is a success story in the making.

Back in 1986, the elements for a botanist's nightmare were all in place. A candidate for federal listing as a threatened species, Aase's onion (*Allium aaseae*), was found on a mineral site on BLM land near Emmett, a small community 40 miles northwest of Boise. The operators of the mine, Unimin Corp. of New Canaan, Conn., employed 30 people and had been working the site for several years.

The sticky problem was resolved by an agreement worked out by the Boise District and Unimin. The agreement allowed Unimin to continue mining, provided that the firm hired a botanist part-time for up to seven months a year. The botanist would gather

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## Director Requires BLM Mineral Examiners To Be Certified

**B**eginning Oct. 1, 1990, only Certified Review Mineral Examiners will be allowed to sign technical reviews of locatable mineral reports. Beginning April 1, 1991, only Certified Mineral Examiners or Certified Review Mineral Examiners will be allowed to perform and direct mining law related mineral investigations for BLM and write BLM locatable mineral reports based on those investigations.

Federal mineral examiners are geologists and mining engineers hired to conduct geologic and mineral economic studies to determine if a mining claim has a discovery of a valuable mineral deposit, as required under the Mining Law of 1872, as amended. A discovery is required before the government will issue a mineral patent for a mining claim, transferring ownership of the land from the government to the claimant. A discovery is also required to hold a mining claim against a challenge by the government.

The purpose of the certification program is to assure that the personnel preparing mining law mineral reports and the personnel performing the

technical review of the reports are qualified to perform those functions. The program is intended to foster consistency and promote increased competence and professionalism among mineral examiners.

The first meeting of the BLM National Mineral Examiners Certification Panel was held Feb. 5-7 at the Phoenix Training Center. The panel was established to review applications for certification. The first panel members selected for this duty include Burt Clay (AZ), Rick Deery (WO), Jim Evans (CA), Roger Haskins (NV), and Terry Maley (ID). Roger Haskins was elected chairman. Reg Reid (WO) has been selected as a non-voting member to serve as the panel's executive secretary.

Applicants wishing to have their applications reviewed for the next panel meeting June 13-14 in Reno should have their applications sent to Reg Reid (WO-680; FTS or 202 343-8537) by April 13. Certification as a Mineral Examiner is available to all qualified Federal employees. Certification as a Review Mineral Examiner is available only to qualified BLM employees.





*Roger Rosentreter examines one of the sites where Aase's Onion is found.*

## Aase's Onion

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field data on the plant and prepare annual reports. Eventually, the mining site will be reclaimed.

On the surface, swapping a site with a potentially threatened species for a research project may not seem like a sweetheart deal for a botanist. But that's not the case, according to Rosentreter, who says there's little doubt the results have worked in favor of the 5-inch-long, pink-flowered onion.

For example, the seeds can now be artificially germinated. "At first, it was frustrating," Rosentreter said of the effort to get the

seed to sprout. "We'd try to get the seeds to germinate and nothing would happen." The big break came when Rosentreter noticed that some seeds he'd all but given up on were sprouting. It occurred to him that Aase's onion must be an unusually slow germinator, requiring over 30 days in cold, moist conditions to sprout.

Another mystery was solved by a touch of sandpaper. A slight scratch to the seedcoats was needed to mimic the natural scraping the seed would experience in the field, an action needed to trigger germination.

"We discovered a few tricks along the way," said Rosentreter.

Both he and Boise District botanist Ann DeBolt are pleased with the results of the research. "Overall, we know a lot more about the plant. We know how to propagate it. We know more about its biology. We now have the knowledge to make good management decisions," he said. "And we even know how much the seeds weigh—622,000 of them to the pound."

Aase's onion intrigues botanists for several reasons. It blossoms earlier than any other onion and is frost resistant. In fact, the onion thrives in cold weather—it needs a month of freezing tem-

peratures before blooming, which usually occurs in February. Rosentreter said those characteristics could help researchers develop frost-proof onions for cultivation.

Aase's onion is found on about 400 sites on the sandy foothills between Boise and Emmett. Most areas where the plant grows are privately owned (about 80 percent), making BLM's management of the onion even more critical. Housing developments and off-road vehicles pose the biggest threat to the plant. About 10 percent of its habitat is destroyed each year due to Boise's rapid growth.

BLM is also working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the plant. Under an agreement signed earlier this year, the Boise District will cooperatively monitor the plant with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and work with private landowners to protect the plant on non-federal land. Three sites on public land have been designated to preserve the onion. Further, Rosentreter said BLM is working with The Nature Conservancy to possibly acquire some of the plant's more critical habitat on private land.

Aase's onion is still a long way from a secure future. But Rosentreter believes that the plant is in much better shape today than it might have been without the cooperation of everyone involved.



## Washington Office

### New BLM Employees

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 Mgmt. Spec., Personnel  
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 Mgmt. Spec., Personnel  
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 Leo James, Comp. Prog. to Comp. Spec., Info.  
 Res. Mgmt.  
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 Linda Rundell, Asst. Area Mgr., Farmington  
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 AK Fire Service  
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## Nevada

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Michael Castro-Shrader, Ranger, California to Vale DO

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## Utah

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### Retirements

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### Other Separations

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### Retirements

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### Reassignments/Promotions

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### Retirements

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## BLM Around the Country

### Linda Evans Joins Take Pride in America Campaign

*President George Bush welcomes actress Linda Evans as the newest spokesperson for the Take Pride in America campaign, part of the Bush administration's "Thousand Points of Light" initiative. Evans is expected to make several public service announcements and participate in Take Pride in America events. The Take Pride in America campaign was initiated to increase awareness of the importance of citizen stewardship toward publicly owned natural,*

*cultural and historical resources. The focus of the campaign is on grassroots, volunteer activities by individuals, organizations and communities in caring for their public lands and cultural resources.*



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*Leon Kabat, acting district manager for the Milwaukee District Office received the Departmental Meritorious Service Award for innovation in land transfer procedures with the State of Michigan and with the Chippewa Indians in Minnesota. Kabat also was instrumental in the settlement of a long standing survey dispute involving many private land owners. Photo by Bob Ward, Eastern States Office.*





## BLM Around the Country

*Judy Nelson, district manager in Lakeview, Ore., recently was named 1989's Outstanding Public Land Professional by the Public Lands Foundation, a national alliance of former and present Bureau of Land Management employees.*

*According to George Lea, president of the foundation, the award is given annually to improve the public reputation of public land professionals.*

*"This national award is reserved for the most prestigious 'Hall of Fame' type of action that warrants special recognition," he said. "The award is not to simply recognize good performance."*

*Nelson was cited for her outstanding work on the Warner Wetlands area near the towns of Plush and Adel.*

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*Curt Jones, state director for the Eastern States Office, recently received the Departmental Citation for Meritorious Service from Director Cy Jamison. Jones was recognized for his exceptional innovation, enthusiasm, and management skill in carrying out initiatives unique among BLM state directors. Photo by Bob Ward, Eastern States Office.*



*Oregon State Director Dean Bibbes, (l), and Director Cy Jamison, (r), congratulate Judy Nelson on being named 1989's Outstanding Public Land Professional by the Public Lands Foundation.*





## BLM Around the Country

*State Directors, Special-Agents-in-Charge and drug coordinators from throughout the Bureau of Land Management recently gathered in Washington, D.C., for the BLM's first Drug Enforcement Conference. Director Cy Jamison kicked the conference off with a message of commitment to the President's War on Drugs. Jamison said he would not tolerate illegal drug activity on BLM-administered public lands.*



*BLM Director Cy Jamison and Center for Plant Conservation Executive Director Don Falk recently signed an agreement that could save certain plant species from extinction. The two organizations will cooperatively develop projects to support conservation of threatened plants on the 270 million acres of BLM-managed public lands. From left to right, Jamison, Dave Almand, BLM Chief of the Division of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Falk.*



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*BLM and Ducks Unlimited are forging a new partnership aimed at increasing waterfowl populations and enhancing the 20 million acres of wetlands found on the nation's public lands. A recent ceremony to sign the agreement drew media attention and a large crowd. Seated from left to right are Dave O'Neal, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management; Frank Bracken, Under Secretary; Manuel Lujan Jr., Secretary of the Interior; Cy Jamison, BLM Director; Matthew B. Connolly, Ducks Unlimited Executive Vice President; John Smoko, Ducks Unlimited Director of Federal Relations; and Susan Lamson, BLM Deputy Director for External Affairs.*



*Charlie Most, Recently Retired public affairs chief for the Eastern States Office, received his 35 year Service Certificate from Director Cy Jamison. Charlie holds the distinction of hiring Jamison in Montana. Photo by Bob Ward, Eastern States Office.*



## BLM's Point of Light at Eastern States

**T**helma Wright, land law examiner for the Bureau of Land Management's Eastern States Office, is indeed a "Point of Light" in south-east Washington, D. C. She was recently recognized by Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan for her volunteer work.

Wright is one of the leaders in the Women's Club at the St. Lucille AME Zion Church in a low-income neighborhood in the southeastern part of the District of Columbia. She is also active in other church activities, including singing solo in the choir.

"We work with the neighborhood kids and homeless to provide food, clothing, toys, and some personal attention," Wright said. "The church also has a Halloween party for youths to give them a fun time away from the dangers on the streets."

During Thanksgiving, the Women's Club provides transportation from homeless shelters and street corners for a holiday dinner. But the church's outreach extends beyond the holidays. The group also takes inner city



*Director Cy Jamison presents Thelma Wright a certificate recognizing her outstanding volunteer efforts in the District of Columbia.*

children on skating parties and on weekend camping trips.

"The kids really enjoy getting away from the noise and hustle of the streets and experiencing the animals and the silence of the woods for the first time," Wright said. "I really don't think of it as work or as doing anything great. It is just so much fun."

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